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J^r. Anhealey
April 3. 1834

Right Rev. & ever dear Friend

[I have been expecting to hear from you, but do not think of you the less for your long silence. I wish to know how you succeed in the cultivation of the soil and the propagation of the Gospel - and all your labours, & your planting & watering in temporals & spirituals. Have you got more help in your Church labours? I have heard some report that you have, and that 5 or 6 Presbyters have arrived in that territory from the Eastern Church. I hope they are working in junction with you, and that they will present & nominate you as the Bishop of Michigan territory to the House of Bishops - for I think when any of your States is formed into a Bishoprick, that the Bishop is chosen by a certain number of Presbyters out of their number, and nominated to the House of Bishops. This being the case, I shall be happy to hear there is a good understanding between you and the Clergy of Michigan. It would be grievous, very grievous to me, if there should be so scandalous an anomaly in your Church as the appointment of a new Bishop in that State over you - and I should

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rejoice to hear that you are reinstated in your Episcopal
duties in the very infancy of that new & rapidly increasing
Colony. It is a great matter in favour of the Church to
preoccupy the field, and keep pace with the population in
opening Episcopal places of worship, and Ministers to serve
them. I trust you will have reason to be as thankful to
the Almighty as good old Abraham ^{had}, when he was commanded
to leave his home & his people, and to travel into a land
in which he was a stranger. May you have the faith of
Abraham, and after you shall have finished your
pilgrimage, may you be received into Abraham's bosom.]

I think I mentioned in my last, but I cannot clearly
recollect, that I recommended two or three young Irishmen
who have been bred to the farming line, and were resolved
to emigrate to America, to go straight to your new Settlement
promising them that they should have your protection,
advice, & interest. I thought I might venture to do
this. You may have the power of being very useful to them
in selecting & settling them on an eligible spot, and
directing them how to proceed. and should that spot be
near your Mount Jilead, I should be very glad on account

of the opportunity of your spiritual Council & Ministration
As poor fellows from poor Ireland do not usually go to America
because they are in affluence at home, I fear they will not be
burdened with riches - but you will be able to teach them how
to cut their coats according to the cloth. The names of two of
them about whom I am most concerned, are Peah, and
~~James~~ James; and when I tell you that Peah is a poor
honest relation of my own, I need say no more to recommend
him to you. I am told he has got four very strong bones,
but I have never seen him - bred to labour & industry - so
that if he has not got the sinews of money he has got the
sinews of labour. They would very likely reach you this Spring
or in the course of the summer.

Pray let me hear from you, for as long as I live I shall
retain love & veneration for your person, and every anxious
wish for the success of your ministry in that new and
interesting spot - and also your agricultural prosperity.
By your description it must be a most interesting Country
as to the face of Nature and the quality of the soil. The first
settlers will have great advantage in having the power to
pick & choose the best spots.

You will be glad to hear that my College is finished,

of the great enemy of mankind are forming a strict coalition against her, to demolish her - though I believe England & Ireland never saw the Protestant Episcopal Church at any period since the Reformation in so spiritual a condition as at the present moment, nor with a Body of Clergy so zealous, laborious, faithful & devoted - & this is the very reason why the Devil has such a spite at us, & the very reason why he had such a spite against you in Kenyon Coll. & the Diocese of Ohio.

When we are obliged to fly, we shall go over & help you. In the mean time I remain, with the love of all this family to you & yours from faithful & affectionate friend and Brother - W. L. G. & Maria

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Supplied with Professors of the first description in religion & learning, and filling fast with students and Pupils, not only of the Island, but from the surrounding shores of England, Scotland, & Ireland - and I shall soon have finished my eighth new Church, besides enlarging several others - but alas! alas! our glorious Church is threatened with a downfall. The devil & the dissenters & the Romanists - the Infidels & the Atheists, and all such Agents